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1. WE SHOULD PUT THE ALLEGED GOU WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
A VISIT BY THE UAHRC TO THE TEST BY PROCEEDING
WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS BETWEEN THE USOAS
AND AMBASSADOR ROCA. HIS TWISTS AND TURNS AND CHANGING
PROPOSALS ARE EVIDENCE THAT HE AND SOME IN THE GOU WANT
MORE THAN JUST THE NECESSARY TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIRED TO
HOLD THE OASGA HERE. THEY WANT HIGH LEVEL USG PRESENCE AS
WELL. AN OASGA IN URUGUAY BOYCOTTED BY THE SECRETARY IS
HAUNTING ROCA, ALVARO ALVAREZ AND FONMIN ROVIRA, THE CABAL
WHICH DEVISED THE STRATEGY TO INVITE THE OASGA TO MEET
HERE AS A MEANS OF GOING OVER THE HEAD OF THE IAHRC. THEY ARE
IN SOMEWHAT OF A PANIC NOW, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEIR OASGA VISIT
GAMBIT IS IN TROUBLE, BUT BECAUSE OF A GROWING CONCERN AMONG
THE MODERATES IN THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND THAT THIS TRIO
HAS BEEN PUSHING A FOREIGN POLICY LINE WHICH IS ISOLATING
URUGUAY UNNECESSARILY FROM ITS TRADITIONAL INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDS. AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS WOULD CONFIRM THIS.

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2. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD TAKE A FIRM, CONSTRUCTIVE STANCE IN
OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROCA IN CONCERT WITH THOSE IN THE OAS
WHO SUPPORT US IN STRENGTHENING THE IAHRC AS THE HEMISPHERE'S
MONITOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. OUR WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT
THE GOU HOSTING OF THE OASGA SHOULD BE MADE CONTINGENT ON:
A) GOU COMMITMENT TO MEET WITH AN OAS COMMISSION PRIOR RPT
PRIOR TO THE MAY OASGA TO NEGOTIATE THE CONDITIONS FOR A

IAHRC VISIT; AND B) GOU COMMITMENT TO WELCOME AN IAHRC VISIT IN 1978. FURTHER, WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE LEVEL OF OUR REPRESENTATION AT AN OASGA IN URUGUAY WILL DEPEND OF THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THE GOU/OAS NEGOTIATIONS TO COME TO TERMS ON AN IAHRC VISIT THIS YEAR.

3. THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH ROCA SHOULD BE SPELLED OUT IN A LETTER TO HIM FROM AMBASSADOR MAGEE, WHICH SHOULD BE SHARED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OAS AND WITH THE OASSYG AND THE IAHRC. AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS SHOULD ALSO GET A COPY. I SHOULD SEND COPIES TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS WELL AS TO THE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE THREE SERVICES... THE REAL POWERS HERE....WHO, INCIDENTLY, ARE LESS OPPOSED TO THE IAHRC THEN ARE ROVIRA AND ALVARO ALVAREZ. THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT THE LATTER TWO HERE CONSISTANTLY MISREPRESENTED THE IAHRC TO THE MILITARY, AND WERE BEHIND THE PRESS ATTACK AGAINST GOLDMAN, THE AUTHUR OF THE IAHRC REPORT, WHEN HE VISITED HERE LAST MONTH.

4. WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE ARE NOT NEGOTIATING SOLELY WITH ROCA, ROVIRA AND ALVAREZ. THEY WILL DISTORT AND MISREPRESENT. THE ONLY INSURANCE IS TO BRING AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS INTO THE PLAY AT THAT END, AND TO GET TO THE MILITARY HERE. ALL LEVELS OF THE GOU SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT WE WILL SUPPORT THE GOU OFFER TO HOST THE OASGA AND SEND HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION ONLY IF THEY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO WELCOME
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AN IAHRC VISIT IN 1978.
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